

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A connecting terminal ~~including~~
comprising:

a connecting portion provided at a front side of the
connecting terminal; [[,]]

5 a U-shaped sheath clamping portion provided at a rear side
of the connecting terminal;

10 a U-shaped core conductor clamping portion provided between
the connecting portion and ~~a U-shaped the~~ sheath clamping
portion; ~~and , which are arranged in this order viewed from a~~
~~front side to a back side, wherein~~

15 plate-like portions ~~are~~ provided on both sides of a portion
of the connecting terminal between the connecting portion and the
core conductor clamping portion, ~~and~~ top portions of said
plate-like portions ~~are~~ being substantially linearly coupled with
20 a top portion of the core conductor clamping portion via coupling
portions;

20 wherein when the connecting terminal is installed within a
housing which has a locking lance, said plate-like portions are
engaged with locking recesses formed in both side walls of the
locking lance.

2. (Currently Amended) The connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein a rear end of said connecting portion is locked by [[a]] the locking lance when the connecting terminal is installed within [[a]] the housing.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

4. (New) A system comprising:

(i) a connecting terminal, which comprises:

a connecting portion provided at a front side of the connecting terminal;

5 a U-shaped sheath clamping portion provided at a rear side of the connecting terminal;

a U-shaped core conductor clamping portion provided between the connecting portion and the sheath clamping portion; and

10 plate-like portions provided on both sides of a portion of the connecting terminal between the connecting portion and the core conductor clamping portion, top portions of said plate-like portions being substantially linearly coupled with a top portion of the core conductor clamping portion via coupling portions; and

15 (ii) a housing, which comprises:

a hole to accommodate the connecting terminal; and

a locking lance having a locking claw, each side wall
of the locking claw having a locking recess;

20 wherein when the connecting terminal is installed within the
hole in the housing, said plate-like portions are engaged with
the locking recesses formed in the side walls of the locking claw
of the locking lance.

5. (New) The system according to claim 4, wherein a rear
end of said connecting portion is locked by the locking lance
when the connecting terminal is installed within the hole in the
housing.

6. (New) The system according to claim 4, wherein the
locking lance is provided on a rear holder which is inserted into
a body of the housing.